

REMARKS

This application is the national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. §371 of international (PCT) application No. PCT/EP03/006446, filed June 18, 2003 and designating the U.S. The present application is filed to receive consideration in the USPTO of embodiments disclosed and claimed in the PCT application.

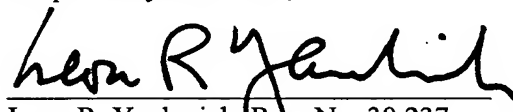
A check in the amount of \$460.00 to cover the national stage filing fees accompanies these papers, and the fees are calculated taking the foregoing amendments into account, which either eliminate some multiple dependencies or change the form of the claims to be suitable for examination in the USPTO. The Commissioner is specifically authorized to charge any additional fees deemed to be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper or any of the accompanying papers, or to charge other fees necessary to complete this US national filing to Deposit Account 50-0268.

The foregoing amendments to the claims are clerical in nature, e.g., they either eliminate improper multiple dependencies or clarify the claim language to aid examination without substantively changing the claim. The claims are thus presented in proper form for review in the USPTO. It is not the intention of the Applicants to abandon any of the inventive subject matter disclosed in the application as originally filed.

Support for the amendments and new claims is apparent in the original claims 1-10, and no new matter is added thereby.

Entry of the foregoing amendments and examination of the claims as amended are requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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